

MINUTES

FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK EXAMINING BOARD

DECEMBER 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order by David Waskowicz, Chairperson, on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 9:02 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz - Unlimited Journeyperson,
Chairperson
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyperson
Robert W. Hollis, III – Unlimited Contractor
Anthony D. Moscato – Public Member
John Michalewicz – Public Member
Edward Peznowski – Public Member

Members Absent: Kevin Griffith – State Fire Marshal
Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor

Board Vacancies: One local fire marshal

DCP Board Staff: Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Karen Layman, Secretary

Others Present: Mark Stankiewicz, Dept. of Labor
Tammie Whiting, Dept. of Labor

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director at (860) 713-6135 or Fax: (860) 706-1255.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of the November 19, 2015 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

Mark Stankiewicz, Department of Labor

The Board welcomed Mark Stankiewicz, who has recently taken on the position of Programs and Services Coordinator for the Department of Labor, Apprenticeship Division. Mr. Stankiewicz provided an overview of his duties in his new position.

APPLICATIONS:

Robert Goodwin, Bellingham, MA – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Denied

The Board voted unanimously to deny Mr. Goodwin's (F-2) application due to lack of proof of apprenticeship completion.

Christopher Lewandoski, Marlborough, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Lewandoski's (F-2) application.

Joshua Wilcox, Higganum, CT – (F-2) Unlimited Journeyman – Approved

The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Wilcox's (F-2) application.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Residential fire sprinkler systems

- Follow up on e-mail from Bob Hanbury to Bill Ethier, CAE, CEO & General Counsel, Home Builders & Remodelers Association of CT, October 26, 2015 regarding liability
At the November meeting, a discussion took place as to whether the facts stated in this letter regarding fire-related deaths in Connecticut since the 1980's are accurate. The Board agreed that this information should be verified with the State Fire Marshal's Office before they move forward with any correspondence on this topic.
- Connecticut Fire Sprinkler Coalition live burn demonstration and educational forum, West Haven, CT, December 1, 2015
David Waskowicz and Anthony Moscato attended this event and reported back to the Board.
- State Building Inspectors Office – Adoption of codes for residential fire sprinklers
Edward Peznowski reported that he has spoken with the State Building Inspector's Office and that they are in favor of passing the residential fire sprinkler law into the codes, however, they are waiting for the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board

and the Fire Protection Board to come to an agreement as to what license will be required to do this work. After further discussion, several board members noted that the licensing laws are already in place and clear, therefore, there is no need to clarify. A multipurpose sprinkler and plumbing piping system must be installed by a licensed contractor that holds both types P-1 and an F-1 licenses and with employees that hold both types P-2 and F-2 journeyman licenses.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resignation of Edward Peznowski, Public Member

Edward Peznowski announced that he will be resigning from the Board as of today's meeting. The Board thanked him for his dedication and service to the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Article – All Homes Aren't Created Equal

David Waskowicz submitted this article by the National Fire Protection Association and provided a brief overview for the Board.

2. Email from Board member Kevin Wypychoski dated December 9, 2015 regarding residential fire sprinklers in lightweight construction homes

David Waskowicz introduced and read this email into the record.

DCP TRADE PRACTICES COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

1. DCP Trade Practices Division reported that there were no new or closed fire protection complaints.

Board so noted

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- January 21, 2016
- February 18, 2016
- March 17, 2016
- April 21, 2016
- May 19, 2016
- June 16, 2016
- July 21, 2016
- August 18, 2016
- September 15, 2016
- October 20, 2016
- November 17, 2016
- December 15, 2016

All meetings take place at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, Room 117 at 9:00 a.m.